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Activities planned for Voter Registration Awareness Month

AUSTIN - Travis County Tax Office is asking the community to participate in voter registration activities in September as part of Voter Registration Awareness Month.

The month includes voter registration drives and trainings for volunteer deputy registrars. Travis County Commissioners Court unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday recognizing Voter Registration Awareness Month.

"We want to encourage everyone to register to vote, change their voter registration address if they moved within the county and join us in registering voters by becoming a volunteer deputy registrar," said Bruce Elfant, the Travis County voter registrar and tax assessor-collector.

The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 7, 2017 election is Oct. 10. "For Travis County residents, this election will directly affect the quality of life in our county," Elfant said. "The bond packages on the ballot impact property taxes, which also can affect rents, and the voters will decide whether the services and community improvements the bonds provide outweigh the costs associated with them."

Each week of the month encourages groups, businesses, libraries and colleges to register voters or train as volunteer deputy registrars.

Civic Week, Sept. 1-9:

- 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training, Travis County Tax Office, 5501 Airport Blvd. No reservation needed.
- 10:30 a.m., 2:30 or 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training, Travis County Tax Office, 5501 Airport Blvd. No reservation needed.
- Noon, Friday, Travis County Hall of Government, 700 Lavaca, brown bag Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training for county employees. Bring a sack lunch.

Senior Week, Sept. 10-16:

- Launch of a new campaign, “You are never too old to vote,” to help seniors register to vote and learn about voting accessibility.
- Look for voter registration drives at senior and assisted living centers throughout Travis County. If your senior group would like to participate, email TaxOffice@TravisCountyTX.gov.
- 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training, St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 14311 Wells Port Drive. Online reservation required, <https://goo.gl/forms/fjEEZLuGwRQLmApu2>.

Local Business Week, Sept. 17-23:

- Watch for voter registration drives at your favorite local businesses, such as P. Terry’s, Bennu Coffee and Jo’s Coffee.
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, voter registration drive at Austin Public Library branches throughout the city. Main library closed for the day.

Education Week, Sept. 24-30:

- Voter registration drives throughout the week at various college and high school campuses in Travis County.
- Encouraging Travis County middle and high school students to enter the YouthCam – Student PSA Contest, a film competition to create 15-, 30- and 60-second public service announcements in English and/or Spanish on voter registration and voting. Details at www.TravisCountyTX.gov/PSA.

For additional info, email TaxOffice@TravisCountyTX.gov.